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## Birds Of The Bible On Stamps

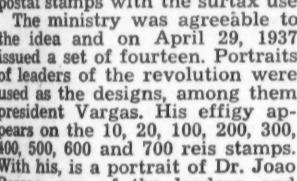


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### Dictator President Getulio Vargas Shown On Brazilian Stamps For Fifteen Years

Manoel F. da Motta

I thought perhaps the readers of Linn's interested in Brazil would like to know something about the famous stamps issued during the fifteen year dictatorship of Getulio Vargas and bearing his portrait. Owing to the victory of the revolution on October 3, 1930 there was a change in the Brazilian philatelic field. A group of collectors of the State of Rio Grande do Sul, site of the revolution, suggested to the Ministry of Transport and Public Works a set of semi-postal stamps with the surtax used for various purposes.



These were intended as semipostals but the surtax was never charged.

Pessoa was assassinated while on a political propaganda mission in Bahia for the revolution. The capital of Paraíba was then named Pessoa in his honor.

In the same set is to be found designs with other revolutionary leaders, Dr. Oswaldo Aranha and Dr. Antonio Carlos de Andrade.

From 1930 to 1945 Getulio Vargas continued at the head of Brazil's government.

A year before the declaration of the "Estado Novo" (New State) on November 10, 1938, a stamp with a value of 400 reis appeared with his portrait. (Continued on page 8)

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### Chinese Celebrate With Special Cancel

The Nationalist Chinese government on the Island of Formosa really whooped it up on January 23 when the announcement was made of the release of the anti-Communist Chinese Prisoners of War. Public demonstrations included the illumination of cities, ringing of bells and the crackling of firecrackers.

Not overlooked, according to the Rev. Michael O'Connor stationed in the far east, was a philatelic recognition. Because of the suddenness of the news a stamp or set could not be printed. However, a commemorative cancellation was applied at all post offices throughout Formosa on January 23.

Approximately 1 5/8" in diameter it pictured a ringing liberty bell and contained an inscription in Chinese relating to the liberation, plus the date.

### Japanese Regular Pictures Golden Hall

Japan, on January 20, changed the design of its 20 yen regular postage stamp. Now it pictures the Golden Hall of Chusonji Temple. In its is housed the Konjikido.

Printing was by photogravure in an olive green color in sheets of 100 stamps. Yutaka Yoshida was the designer. First day covers with the new issue were received from R. Yoshida, and The Japanese Postal Cultural Assn., both of Tokyo, Japan.

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### Showy Topical Collection Has Pleasure For Religious Minded And Lovers Of Birds

Gertrude Boss

A collector can spend many hours of profit and pleasure, and perhaps develop a new acquaintance with God and His Heavenly messengers, by making a collection of "Birds of the Bible" that are portrayed on stamps. We are told there have been nearly 400 birds identified in Palestine, but few of them are known by names in Bible texts, since only about 30 are native birds. In nine separate instances there are references as "birds of the air" or "twittering birds".

A distinction is also made regarding "clean" and "unclean birds," referring, of course, to those used in one's diet. (Levit. II:13-20) The "speckled bird" of Jeremiah is an uncertain term to which Israel's heritage is likened (Jer.).

The probable meaning intended is that just as a speckled bird attracts hostility from others, so will sinful Israel be a prey to heretics.

For the poetically minded collector there is a great help, when he loves both birds and poetry, for a new book of verse is available written by Mae Winkler Goodman, published by Devin-Adair Co. It is named "In Time of Swallow", and has 54 pages, a bird to a page, with a poem about each. What a gem of a collection can be made with these bird poems, illustrated by bird stamps.

From a bird study point of view, the verses are perspective, and the pictures on the stamps seem to capture all the distinguishing characteristics. The poet's imagery is sharp and evocative, as she says "When the sharp-skinned hawk appears, fear runs like a squirrel across the ground". The hawk is named in the Bible in Lev. 11:16, "the hawk of any species"—thus we see it is among the birds to be detested. (repeated in Deut. 14:15).



Also changed on February 1 was the entire set of regulars now current in Seychelles. The designs remain as is with the exception that now Queen Elizabeth occupies the oval reserved for the portrait of the reigning monarch.



Denominations range from 2c to 10 Rupees, fifteen in number. Printing is by photogravure and the Scott Catalog types are A9 to A13.

### Niagara Federation Show At Buffalo

On April 9 and 10 the Buffalo N. Y. Stamp Club will be hosts to the Niagara Frontier Federation of Stamp Clubs at the Hotel Statler in Buffalo. This will be the fifth annual session of the organization composed of clubs in the United States and Canada.

Federation president Adolph Steeg has appointed Clifford M. Gould general chairman. Request for bourse space or the exhibition prospectus should be addressed to John B. Morton, 366 Richmond Ave., Buffalo 22, N. Y.

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The stamp that will illustrate the hawk is Liechtenstein, Scott Catalog type AP-17. Miss Goodman tells us of the Kingfishers whose "wings are rinsed with light" and also tells how the "yellow billed cuckoo makes music that the caterpillars fear".

Of the goldfinch she says, "the sun has taken wings and learned to sing". Lack of space and time prevents listing all birds of the Bible and references, but I will discuss about 20 of the best known.

### Doves and Carrier Pigeons

The Old Testament and the New Testament pay tribute to the dove many times, (14 references to turtle doves).

It belongs to the pigeon family (Levit. 1:15) and both have been carried often to the temple and used for a burnt offering, and in Psalms (74:19) Israel is referred to as "thy dove Israel". It is shown as a migratory bird coming to Palestine in March as a herald of spring, and leaving for the south at the approach of winter (Jer. 8:7).

Let us look at the stamps of Armenia and see the spot (type A22) where according to the Jewish Calendar, the 1st day of 1st month of year 601, the ark came to rest. Then and there the dove became the messenger for which it has been the symbol, ever since that day it returned with red clay

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on its feet. Legend repeats that ever since all doves have red, or pink or purplish feet.

The dove bore an olive branch that is seen with the dove on many scores of stamps, at times as "the dove of peace" as Switzerland shows it (type A99). It was in the form of a dove that the Holy Spirit descended visibly upon Jesus at the River Jordan.

In the Annunciation the dove signifies the incarnation of the Saviour by the power of God. It is also used as a symbol of martyrdom in the church.

Italy issued a stamp in 1933 (type A165) at the solicitation of the Holy Order of the Sepulchre to mark Holy Year. It shows a lovely cross with doves of peace, so we see the dove often used on stamps as an emblem of peace, but it also inspires rest, says Henry Van Dyke.

"At sunset when the rosy light was dying,  
Far down the pathway of the west,  
I saw a lonely dove in silence flying.

But when the dusk a filmy veil was weaving,  
Back came the dove to seek her nest,  
Deep in the forest where her mate was grieving—  
There was true rest."

France emphasizes the olive branch and dove in many stamps. (A50). Switzerland uses this theme for its stamps for the Disarmament Conference. (A41).

In 1919 Japan issued two stamps, (A42, 43) one showing a dove at rest, and the other in flight over a large branch of the olive tree. In 1936, this cocky little Land of the Rising Sun brought out another (A75) on which the bird seems to be sitting on top of the world.

In 1940 Lithuania brought out a set of six stamps, but the one of a native woman releasing a dove to flight is most interesting (A58). The patron saint of that land is one of the set, an angel on another and the Liberty bell on another. A nice set.

### The Eagle

The eagle of the Bible was one of the "unclean birds," meaning of course, it was not for food.

As used in the Bible it commonly refers to one of the four types of vultures or to one of the eight varieties of eagles known in Palestine. (Deut. 14:12 and 32:11), (Isaiah 30:40), (Jeremiah 4). (Continued on page 11)



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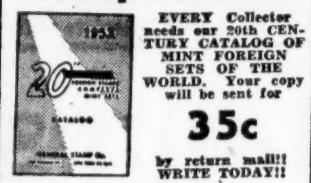
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## Enameled Back Postal The Why And Wherefore

J. F. McGEE

(Ed. Note: An interesting sequel to "An Enameled Back United States Postal Card, January 2, 1895 Issue" is presented herewith. The article appeared on page two of the January 18, 1954 edition and was written by J. F. McGee. It would be a safe bet that this additional information will cause collectors with postal cards, the government issue, to go through their holdings looking for the counterfeit, Mr. McGee offers the added information herewith.)

The article in Linn's brought me a letter from Frank J. Penar, Butler, Pa., in which he clears up the mystery of the origin of the enamel back on some of the earlier U. S. posts. I was pleased, as well as grateful, to receive this communication, and I am sure all collectors of U. S. posts will read it with interest. If you have one of these items in your collection you will now know how to write it up. Mr. Penar wrote:

"I read with interest your article on the enameled cards in Linn's of the January 18, 1954 issue and thought perhaps you might be interested in the following information:

"Prior to 1902, misprinted postal cards, and those with obsolete ads, or any otherwise "spoiled" cards were not redeemable by the P. O. D. This led to some enterprising individuals conceiving the idea of buying up these huge stocks from large companies at a fraction of their worth, coating them with bronze, silver, clay, or merely pasting colored paper on them, and reselling them below face value, but still at a considerable profit. This coating on cards (sometimes front and/or back) appears on practically all cards from UX-1 to UX-12.

"One of these individuals was a Louis Smith of Chicago. All went well until he got the bright idea. Not content with merely buying spoiled cards, he decided to make his own postal cards. This he did, and a very brilliant job he did, too. He counterfeited UX-12 and coated the front with a silver coating to give the impression that he had thus obliterated some previous printing thereon. He was arrested and convicted in 1902. It can be assumed that the majority of these cards were confiscated as they are practically impossible to find in dealers' stock books or in private collections. I have personally seen but one copy.

"Shortly after the conviction, the P. O. D. made the ruling that postal cards would be redeemable at 3/4 of their face value, thus making it unprofitable for any future coating or counterfeiting. Trust this information has been of some interest to you."

"Sincerely, Frank J. Penar."

## Italy's Liberation Locals Of Last War

Among the most controversial stamp issues of World War II are those created by the various Committees of National Liberation in Northern Italy.

At the request of the American Philatelic Congress, Pierson Ostrow recently prepared for the APC Yearbook an article on these interesting stamps, reviewing the character of the Liberation movement, its standing in the Italian Government of Marshall Badoglio, its political composition, and the circumstances under which the various stamps were created and authorized. Extensive use

was made of quotations from documents and other original sources, and the article was profusely illustrated with photographs of both stamps and covers.

The twelve-page study has now been reprinted by permission of the American Philatelic Congress. It can be had from Pierson Ostrow, P. O. Box 121, Elizabeth, N. J., in exchange for thirty-five cents in stamps or coin to cover costs of printing and mailing.

## AUCTIONS

Feb. 9—Hobbs Stamp Co., 38 Park Row, New York 38, N. Y. United States mint and used, General Foreign.

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Feb. 19—Herman Herst, Jr., Shrub Oak, N. Y. United States mint and used, British North America, Literature.

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A new book almost totally devoted to revenue stamps has been released under the sponsorship of the American Revenue Assn. It is titled "The Vanderhoof Memorial Book" in honor to the late E. R. Vanderhoof, stalwart of the revenue field.

It was edited by William Larsen, 5540 N. Glenwood Ave., Chicago 40, Ill., and can be obtained from him postpaid at three dollars. Profits will be channeled into a fund for future publications in the revenue field.

Contained are articles on United States federal and state revenues; Foreign revenues of many types; College stamps; Telegraphs and other oddments. Countries to be found besides the U. S. and Possessions are Austria, Belgium, Canada, Great Britain, Germany, Ionian Islands, Italy, Fiume, Spanish Colonies, Russia, Mexico and China.

Other interesting subjects include, the first printed stamp; Origin of Commemorative Philatelic Recreations, Lincoln, double transfer No. 1 and the first adhesive American revenues.

## Muskegon Host To P.S.P.S. Convention

Hosts to the 16th annual convention and exhibition of the Peninsular State Philatelic Society will be the Muskegon, Mich. Stamp Club. Convention dates are May 1 and 2. However the exhibition will be opened to the public on April 19 and remain until the closing of the convention on May 2.

Only members of the PSPS will be eligible to compete with stamp displays. Everyone is invited to view the show to be set up in the Hackley Art Gallery.

A banquet on Saturday evening May 1 will be open to the general public. Additional details can be gotten from Fred Toxopeus, 282 E. Dale Ave., Muskegon, Mich.

Visiting collectors are always welcome to the meetings which are of general interest.

## San Diego Club Elects Hill President

Melville C. Hill was chosen president by members of the San Diego, Calif. Stamp Club. Others in the official family are vice president Elmer Tredt and secretary-treasurer Mrs. Dorothy Schnug.

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The flag is on a standard which a pioneer is attempting to plant in the frozen soil there. In the background are the sea-going hunks of ice, and the ship of the expedition.

Five million copies were printed by "calcographic" engraving according to H. G. Spanton, 1484 Calle Bolívar, Buenos Aires, Argentina. A. Dell'acqua originated the artwork; V. Cerichelli made the engraving. Sheets contain fifty copies. First day cancellations were offered between 8 a.m. and 12 noon on the first day.

## Czech Program For First Three Months

New issues for the first three months of 1954 have been revealed by the Czechoslovakian Postal Administration. Already released is a set of two for the 30th anniversary of the death of V. I. Lenin. The 30h had a portrait of the Red politician, while the 1.40Kcs pictured the Lenin Museum in Prague.

Due February 18 are two commems for the 25th anniversary of the Fifth Congress of the Czechoslovak Communist Party, February 18 to 23, 1929. Denominations are 60h and 2.40Kcs.

Two days later on the 20th a set of five with various motifs are to be placed on sale. Values are 20h, 45h, 1, 1.60 and 2Kcs.

Some time in March three stamps will memorialize the deaths of Joseph Stalin and Klement Gottwald. Values are to be 30h, 60h and 1.20Kcs.

## Scribbled Address, Can't Send Order

John E. Friedich of the North Side News Depot, 1233 Main St., Green Bay, Wis., stamp dealer, states that he has sent an order to a person he believes from the signature and address is Richard Delbridge, 1355 Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa., but that it was returned by the post office.

He asks that Mr. Delbridge please send him an address to which his purchase can be sent. He can identify himself by naming the material requested.

## Annual SOJEX Goes To Atlantic City

A new site and dates have been chosen for the SOJEX, exhibition and bourse of the South Jersey Federation of Stamp Clubs. In order, they are the Hotel Jefferson at Atlantic City, and March 26 to 28. Interested persons can obtain a prospectus of the show without cost by applying to Clifford Bieber, 3225 A Westfield Ave., Camden 5, N. J.

Ferd Watson, general chairman, advises that there will be some change in the classifications and awards at this exhibition.

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**SWEDEN:** On November 18 last, and January 9 this year I reported an anticipated set for the World Skiing Championship. The Post Office Department has now released detailed information about it.



folded to the public which caused the elimination of the wording on it of "Brett her", and "Brett her tilslut". Otherwise the new item is the same as the current one with red and blue border lozenges, and as before manufactured by Emil Moestue A-S of Oslo.

## Wooster Club Invites Juniors To Auction

Members of the Wooster, Ohio stamp club started the New Year right at their January meeting with a big auction sale held jointly with the junior club. D. Blake Battles, well known dealer and vice president, served as auctioneer.

Bidding was especially keen among the youngsters for a group of 1953 first day covers bearing the club's official Ohio cachet. Prior to the auction, Battles reviewed the history of the Gadsden purchase.

Much of the success and enthusiasm of the Wooster group can be attributed to a number of members who have devoted nearly a lifetime to philately. One of these is Dr. A. I. Good, a retired missionary, author, ornithologist, and one of the world's leading specialists in stamps of Cameroon.

Evelyn Welton, local teacher and secretary of the club, has been instrumental in starting many Wooster collectors in their hobby by boosting philately in the classroom over a period of several decades.

The newly elected president is Ward W. Konkle, proponent of the Robert A. Taft commemorative stamp.

The group meets the third Thursday of each month in members' homes.

## "Middle East" Theme For Michigan Cachet

The Michigan Stamp Club has prepared an attractive two-color cachet for its 40th Anniversary Exhibition and Bourse to be held February 27 and 28 at the Tuller Hotel in Detroit. The theme of the show is Arabia and the Middle-East. To carry it out in the cachet, an enlarged reproduction of the 1898 "Camel Postman" stamp of the Sudan has been incorporated in the design.

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## Such Effort Deserves Success

There are perhaps very few of our commemorative stamps which have been issued in the past, behind which there has not been a tremendous amount of propaganda for their issue. Chambers of Commerce, business organizations and social clubs of all kinds are asked to help in many such cases and then the pressure is put on congressmen and other officials who can exert influence and pull the right strings.

However we do not recall a single one of these issues for which we have seen such a tremendous amount of nation wide effort and publicity being put forth by such a wide variety of interested people as is being done for the issue of a Flower Stamp in these United States.

It started out with a United States Flower Postage Stamp Committee which is headed by the Chairman, Mr. Halle Cohen of Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Cohen is associated with one of Jacksonville's largest department stores. Then an effort has been made to have a state chairman in each state and to date there is such a chairman in every state except eight and an effort is being made to get suitable working representatives in those states. Each state committee man or committee woman assumes the task and burden of the cost for no funds are asked for by the organization.

Work is progressing well and some of the sponsors now asking for a flower stamp are The American Rose Society; American Seed Association; American Stamp Dealers Association; American Association of Nurseries; American Topical Association; American Camellia Society; Massachusetts Horticultural Society and many others.

If you would like to see a flower stamp your help may help the realization of the project. For complete information address Halle Cohen, c/o Cohen Brothers, Jacksonville, Florida.

Perhaps this movement for a flower stamp for these United States was started at just about the right time to bring about its realization for what sort of a stamp would be more appropriate than a colorful flower for the experimental stamps that are at present being contemplated in colors as a regular pattern for future United States postage stamps. Experimental work is now in progress and a colorful flower would be an ideal design with which to conduct the experiment.

## What Our Big Newspapers Say

Mr. Gerald D. Bliss of Miami, Florida sends us a clipping from the Miami Daily News wherein they reprint an editorial from the Atlanta Journal and there is one thought there that has a great deal more to do with why we should have good looking stamps than it would have had many years ago.

We quote a small part of this editorial and hope you see the point.

"Probably few people think much about it, but United States postage stamps are about as unattractive as stamps can be."

"Many who collected stamps in their childhood still retain fond memories of exotic names like Madagascar, Mozambique, Morocco, Martinique. They still think well of many countries whose stamps were colorful, artful, some downright beautiful."

"But the dull, turgid designs of U. S. stamps have only one redeeming feature—their numerous issues. (As a news magazine observed a couple of years ago, the Post Office Department brings out a new, special and commemorative issue at the drop of a congressman's hat.)"

Due perhaps to the modern trend in stamp collecting, Topicals, the demand for something good looking and attractive in our stamps is far greater than ever before. Little children, the world over love beauty just as much as older folks and the impression that the thousands of little children the world over who collect postage stamps, may get from our stamps can be of great importance to our country. It will cost us no more to leave a good impression. The only question is, can our officials whose business it is to produce our stamps realize that this matter can be so important. We think it is, that we can do wonders in a propaganda way through our postage stamps.

## More About Tampa

Far be it from us to accuse anyone of doing anything that they did not do and we are told by members of the Tampa Stamp Club that the purported profit to the Tampa Club on the recent SFA convention was a legitimate one and in no way due to racketeering, such as a slice on Hotel Rooms, Bus Fares, etc. We are glad to have this information from the club and to hold our opinion until a clear explanation of how the profit was made before passing judgment. We hope that any explanation will show clearly that the profit was an honorable and legitimate one for we do not believe in running such an event for profit, but solely for the benefit of the visiting collectors and the local people who express an interest in stamps and stamp collecting.

It would seem therefore that to clear the record, Mr. Ritter ought to permit an audit in the usual manner by a committee of the club and make such audit public, for certainly if the Tampa Club knows how to make a profit of approximately \$2000 on a small show of this nature, the treasures of many clubs throughout the country could be enriched by following the Ritter plan and if such methods of conducting stamp shows are to be approved as kosher, then other clubs would perhaps like to have the secret.

Curiously enough, however, other members of the club who have initiated an effort to get an audit of the financial side of the show have been unable to get it and we are told that one man who insisted, was drummed out of the club.

## Have You A Hobby?

Naturally we mean something else besides stamp collecting. Our advertising manager, Mr. Lewis F. Turley has just issued the first edition of an annual guide for Hobbyists of all sorts. It is a 64 page booklet which lists the sources of supply for almost any hobby you can think of. Lots of people have other interests in the hobby field but have little or no knowledge of where to obtain the material they want in following that hobby. Turley has solved the problem. It is something new and unusual in the field. The book retails at \$1.00 and may be had from our office postpaid for a dollar bill. There is a coupon in the book which will be redeemed by a lot of the firms listed for \$1.00 thus you get back the cost of the book if you deal with these firms.

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## Essex Stamp Club To Have Birthday Party

Members of the Essex Stamp Club, Newark, N. J. are going to celebrate the 14th anniversary of the group with a birthday party February 22 at 984 Broad St., in the Manhattan Room of the Continental.

An auction, refreshments, entertainment and no speeches make up the program. The auction will not be confined to things philatelic. As in other years auction items, all donations of members, range from antiques through beer steins, jewelry and wallets.

## Regular Postage Due From Italy

New postal-rate needs accounted for two new Italian stamps placed on sale February 1, according to P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

A 13-lire rose-lilac was issued to supplement the "Turreted Italia" set.

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Bernard Harmer of the New York house of the H. R. Harmer organization reports that he has learned of several parties from the United States and Canada who have already made arrangements to attend the auctions, whilst scores more have already submitted bids for the auction.

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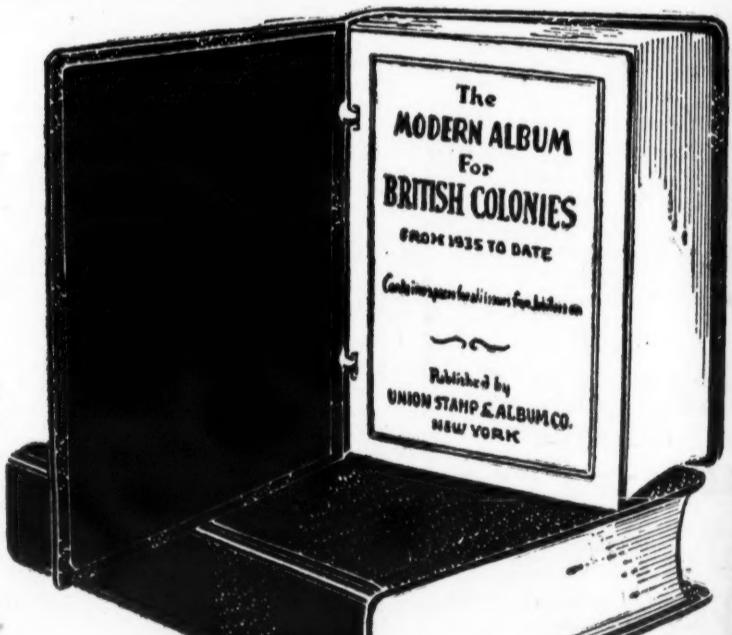
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Under the above caption there has been published and released a very fine booklet by George Klein. There is Bureau Print history, methods of ordering, printing etc. Illustrations aplenty and all in all a work that seems to me has long been overdue. Many collectors would like to go into the Bureau issues if they had a reliable guide besides the catalog. Here is the answer in full to that problem.

The first edition, dated January 1954, sells for a nominal price. George of course plugs his service etc. and also gives space to the Precancel Stamp Society. It's still a fine booklet and if something like this had appeared several years ago the so-called depression on Bureau Prints would never have come about. Write George Klein at Casselberry, Fern Park, Florida if interested in the fine work.

## Fernald, Iowa

What quite likely is a precancelled Postal Card came from Harry J. Morse of Pasadena, Calif. It's only the corner of an old 1c Franklin card but it surely seems interesting. The overprint reads up and is in two lines of large type (12 point Gothic). Between the large type is the dating "Jan-22-1923".

There are about three impressions on the card and there is every evidence of it being a Multigraph job used with a ribbon. Precancelled Postal Cards are few and far between and a good local is generally even harder to find. We are wondering if any readers can give more information about the card we have tried to describe. Perhaps this is asking too much after more than thirty years has passed.

## Set For East's Longest Bridge

One year after on January 28, 1954, the Formosa situated Nationalist Chinese government issued a set of four stamps noting the anniversary of the opening of the famous Silo Bridge to traffic.

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According to the Rev. Michael O'Connor denominations are to be 40c, \$1.60, \$3.60 and \$5. (Nationalist Currency).

For stamp collectors a special set of four has been printed imperforate and mint together with an explanatory booklet in Chinese, English and French. This set cost \$10.60 and was on sale at post offices.

## Miscues Found On Trieste "B" Issues

Three newly-found errors from B-zone Trieste are reported for the first time by P. Ostrow, Elizabeth, N. J.

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The pages were designed by Allison Severe.

## 1953 Postal Slogans Set New Record

More postal slogans were used than ever before in U. S. post offices last year states Moe Luff of New York City.

During 1953, 128 different slogans were in use in various cities and this was 17 more than the next highest year, 1923 in which 111 slogans were used. 1952 with 110 bettered 1922 with 105. 1950 and 1951 were fairly close to each other with 95 and 85 respectively.

Postal regulations pertaining to the method to be pursued by persons or organizations seeking to sponsor U. S. Slogan Cancellations provide that these special slogans can only be permitted where the event to be advertised is for some national purpose for which Congress has made an appropriation; and second, where the event to be advertised is of general public interest and importance and is to endure for a definite period of time and is not to be conducted for private gain or profit.

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**BRAZIL**—A single postage stamp, a 60 centavos in green, was recently issued, depicting a farmer in a wheat field. It was issued in honor of the Third Wheat Festival.

**GERMANY**—(West Zone)—The German Federal Post Office has announced that a new series of stamps will be issued shortly replacing the present series featuring a posthorn. Pictured instead will be the profile of Theodor Heuss, in commemoration of his 70th birthday.

**HAITI**—An eight value set, containing both postage and airmail values, and all of the same design was recently issued. The design of the set is a portrait of Mme. Paul E. Maggiore. Postage values are 10c blue and 10c orange. Airmail values are 20c orange, 50c brown, 1G green, 1.50G claret, 2.50G green and 5G blue. The set was printed by the photogravure method by Courvoisier of Switzerland.

**ICELAND**—Three stamps are to be issued in February in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of Icelandic Home Rule. The values of the set will be 1.25kr, 2.45kr and 5kr. The three stamps will all bear the portrait of the Icelandic Minister Hafstein.

**ISRAEL**—Further information on the forthcoming new airmail issue of this country has been received from the Ministry of Posts of Israel. Values, colors and designs will be as follows: 10 pruta will feature an Olive tree and the color will be in olive; 70p En Gev (Sea of Galilee), in red; 100p Road to Jerusalem, green; 200p, Lion Rock, (Negev), brown; 300 pruta, Bay of Elat, purple and the 500 pruta, Tanur Cascade, blue. The stamps will be issued during February and March of 1954. All values were designed by G. Hamori of Tel Aviv.

**LUNDY ISLAND**—To commemorate the 25th anniversary of the first Lundy Island stamps, a thirteen value set is to be issued. Pictured will be local designs and historical events. Values will be: ½ puffin, red and black, featuring a Tavern, Post Office and Church; 1p blue and black, Marisco Castle; 2p red and black, map of Lundy Island; 4p green and black, ship Lerina; 6p orange and black, Old Light, sheep; 9p red, black and blue, Constable Rock and 12p, slate, green, red, and brown, Deer and Devils Slide. These values comprise the postage set.

Airmail values are: ½ puffin, maroon and blue-gray, Balloon Ascent; 1p blue and brown, Bleiroit and Anzani; 2p olive green and brown, plane over Lundy Light; 3p blue and violet, DH Comet Jet Plane; 6p magenta and blue-green, Helicopter and 12p gray and claret, Bristol-Barbazon Plane.

**PERU**—Whitfield King & Co. informs that this country is to issue a set of stamps in commemoration of the 5th Centenary of the birth of Isabella the Catholic. The stamps, all airmails, are 40 centavos, red; 1.25 sucres, green; 2.15S, purple and 2.20S, black. The 40c and 2.15S denominations are of the same design and feature a portrait of Isabella the Catholic and the dates 1451-1951. The 1.25S and 2.20S are of like design and show the fleet of Christopher Columbus on his first voyage across the Atlantic.

**High School Club Elects Officers**

The Camden (N. J.) Catholic High School Stamp Club formed in November, 1953 elected officers at a recent meeting.

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The Herm comprise four values of four and eight doubles, two and



six pence bearing the coat of arms, and a one shilling with a view of the Island. Lundy's set was to mark the 25th anniversary of postal service. They were issued January 1 and are to remain on sale for three months. All are bi-colored.

The BEA set was placed on sale November 25 and 26 last and are 8d, 1/2, and 1/9, according to William Rowcroft, Jr. of South Ozona Park, N. Y.

**"Philatelist" Has Important Articles**

The six numbers of the Collectors Club Philatelist forming Volume 32 and published bimonthly during 1953, have exceeded all recent volumes in wide range of stamp information covered. Almost every part of the world has been touched on, with the three Wickersham articles on early issues of Venezuela, the Neidorf serial on the 1944 French Morocco issue including its plating, Cowan and Devasya's treatment of Travancore-Cochin, V. Rachmanov's fine study of Russia No. 1, Pitt Petri on Locals of Buffalo, N. Y., and translation of the Guanacaste section of the Kohl Handbook.

George Malpass's article on Civil War Song Envelopes and Song Letter Sheets, S. G. Rich's article on Stamp Designing, and Henry Goodkind's presentation of the role of our own country in starting the U. P. U., together with many shorter articles, complete the coverage.

For the collector seeking thorough treatment of many subjects, this magazine is "required reading." Information as to what numbers carry articles on particular countries and issues, and the prices of such numbers, recent or old, may be had from the Collectors Club, 22 E. 35th St., New York 16, N. Y.

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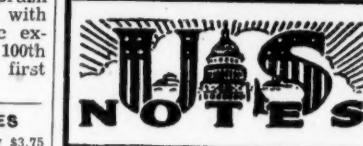
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Not since the Farleys has anything caused quite as much discussion in United States philatelic circles as the declared intention of the Post Office Department to investigate the production of our stamps by photogravure. The investigation has gone to the extent of having one of the large-scale printers of the annual Christmas seal produce a "stamp" in color picturing the Statue of Liberty. Against it will be set an engraved copy of the same design.

This matching of the stamps by the two processes took place at the Post Office Department, recently, according to James Waldo Fawcett, stamp editor of the Washington Star. Members of the Postmaster General's staff, the PMG and several other interested persons from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing formed the jury.

Apparently, they were not impressed with the photogravure product for no decisions were made, and the matter was to be given "further consideration".

Many of you readers have sent me copies of newspaper items on the matter from various sections of the nation. For the most part such comments have been of little import since their writers just did not have the necessary background in philately to grasp the situation and write intelligently and with conviction about it.

The philatelic press has approached the matter with two attitudes—firm opposition to anything but engraved issues (that's where I stand)—and those who claim that it doesn't matter anyhow.

A fair comparison of engraved and photogravure issues is offered by Switzerland, a country which has stamps in both mediums. I have always considered their stamps tops in either method. I would suggest that any interested person put Swiss stamps in each category side by side and see which will make the more lasting and pleasing impression. But use mint stamps because used stamps soaked from paper wouldn't be fair to the photogravure. Photogravure appearance suffers considerably in the soaking from paper, the engraved very little.

I have collected mint Switzerland for years and have made the comparison numerous times. The photogravures are the most colorful, but the engraved the most beautiful. Color catches the eye momentarily, beauty remains forever.

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mum card with that same picture bearing the NYC stamp cancelled on the first day of issue. The caption beneath it states "New York, as Carwitham engraved it in 1739". And, "Eno Collection—Print Room, The New York Public Library". It was from Joseph J. Lohr of New York City.

Also commenting on the same thing is Mrs. James E. Hughes, postmaster at New Richmond, Wisconsin. She wrote:

"When we first received the stamp at our post office . . . I recognized the foreground as having been taken from an old map I own. The map is named 'Novi Belgii, Nova Angliae nec pars Virginiae Tabula'. In the lower right hand corner of the map is an inset of 'Nieuw Amsterdam', with all the prominent buildings marked by number.

"Explanation at the bottom of the print is as follows: New Belgium, New England and Virginia by V. Vicher, date unknown but prior to 1682.

"There has been nothing changed in the stamp design from his map, with the exception of the position of the 'Henrik Hudson'. On the stamp the position has been changed to the center of the engraving, superimposed over the 'Gerecht'.

This etching is also in a book 'As You Pass By' by Kenneth Holcomb Dunshell, published by Hastings House, New York, and is called 'The Montanus View of New Amsterdam, circa 1650 . . .'

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**MUSCAT.** Stamp Collecting (London) states that the low values of the 1951 overprints #35 to 37 had a very limited use in the Persian Gulf. The new Elizabeth overprints makes these stamps obsolete. Used copies will probably be the scarcest.

**M.E.F.** Some time ago, this column described these overprints in detail. Attention was called to the fact that #1 to 5 existed with both square and round periods (stops). The 1954 Commonwealth Catalogue lists and prices these varieties and the round periods (stops) are much higher than the square. Stamps #1 to 4 were overprinted only in Cairo, but #5 was overprinted in Cairo and in London. There is a decided difference between the two overprints of this 5 pence stamp. The facts were all submitted to Scott as being worthy of listing and pricing in the catalogue. They compromised by inserting a foot note after stamp #13 giving some of the differences.

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**MONTSERRAT.** This column has several times called attention to the dollar values of this colony #124-126, which were not plentiful and which would probably advance in price when the Elizabeth stamps were released. These stamps were issued in 1951, and the low values were recently reprinted with the portrait of Queen Elizabeth. It is expected that the rest of the set will soon appear with the portrait changed. "FYNDEN" in Stamp Collecting (London) gives these three stamps as his New Year's "FYND".

**CEYLON.** This column has repeatedly suggested that excessively high value stamps be removed from the catalogue with a foot note that they were issued for fiscal purposes only. As a foot note to the high values of 1912-1925, Scott says that theoretically they are available for postage, but it is not probable that they were ever used for other than fiscal purposes. However, collectors, who can afford same, will buy these stamps to be included in a postage stamp collection.

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J. E. Davis, U. S. representative for the Crown Agents states that all are in bi-color except the 9d and £1, both of which are in black only. The others have a black vignette with the second color, denomination and ship name as follows:

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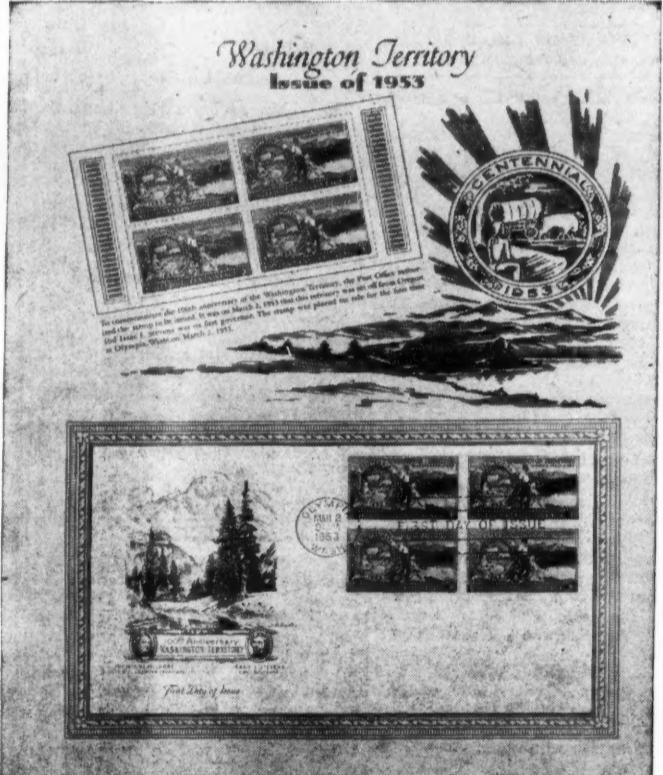
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